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**The Length of the War.**  
There are many predictions that the war between Greece and Turkey will be of short duration. It is predicted that the Greeks will keep on fighting bravely, even desperately, but it is thought that in the end they will be overwhelmed by the superior numbers of the Turks.

Furthermore, it is said that the Turks can command all the money that they need to keep up their fighting and that the Greeks, poor at the start, without money and with little credit, will soon run short of funds. It is true that the Turks have more men and more money, but that is not all that counts in war.

Of necessity the Greeks must do most of their fighting where they understand the country better than the Turks do, and where local sentiment is in their favor. This of course will be true so long as the Greeks fight on Grecian soil. It will be true still, to a great extent, if they find themselves able to push far beyond the border. In Epirus and Macedonia they will find sentiment strongly in their favor.

They are not likely to push beyond these provinces, but to do most of their fighting in a mountainous country, well adapted to the guerrilla kind of warfare, which the strongest powers have found almost impossible to overcome. In those mountains the Greeks can keep up a troublesome warfare almost without end.

We must remember the civil war in our own country, which sanguine men in the north, among them Mr. Seward, thought could be ended in ninety days. Hundreds of thousands of men enlisted with the idea that they were going to have a kind of picnic. It took four years and a vast expenditure of money and life to bring that war to an end. Always superior in numbers, in money and in other respects that count in war, the forces of the Union had their hands full to overcome the brave and determined men of the south fighting on their own soil. We may see something of this kind in the war between Greece and Turkey.

Certainly if the great powers of Europe do not interfere there is no reason to look for an early termination of the war. Although the Turks have got into Larissa, they are still a good many days' march from Athens. What the powers may do is something that cannot be told. It may suit them at any moment to step in and stop the war, or it may suit their selfish purposes better to let the war go on.

A long war will weaken Greece, but it might end in wiping Turkey off the map of Europe. And not a power of them all would regret this, always providing that each of them were assured of its coveted share of the plunder.

## Knowledge is Power.

It has been a long time since this country has had a war, and we hope it will be a much longer time before we shall have another. Since we are not spilling for a row and not likely soon to have one, the only chance that we have to know the progress of the art of war is to observe it in other lands.

For this purpose General Miles, the ranking officer of our army after the President, goes abroad to witness the fighting between the Turks and the Greeks. General Scott went over to see how Napoleon did it. General Sherman and General Sheridan were on the ground to witness the Franco-Prussian war.

It may be that General Miles will learn something as a result of his visit. If he shall learn that we have nothing to learn from Turkey or Greece, that will be something.

While we want to keep out of war it is to our interest to know the best methods and to avail ourselves of so much of foreign methods as may be to our advantage if we should ever have to take the field again.

Knowledge is power the world over and in all things.

## Spain and the United States.

Spanish war ships have arrived in New York harbor to take part in the naval review which is to form a feature of the Grant monument ceremonies. It is not so many weeks ago that there was a great deal of talk about the coming of Spanish war ships.

If they had come then they would have come on a hostile mission, and many persons feared that their arrival would mean trouble for our seacoast cities. Spain is brave enough, but the trouble is that if she has sent her war ships to ravish our coast she would have had fewer war ships after the effort.

By this time we have a pretty good navy, and while our fortifications on the coast are not all that they should be, we have been constructing a pretty good system of floating fortifications for our coast defense. But all this is speculation.

Spain sends her war ships and sends them on the most friendly of missions. We are glad to welcome them, and we indulge the hope that when war ships

of other countries visit us and when our ships visit them it may be always on a mission of peace and good will.

**The Man in the Street Car.**  
The man in the street car has rights. If he enter while four women are taking up all the room on one side and three women are vying with each other to take up all the room on the other side, and not a daughter of them all makes a motion to "move up" and give him a fair show, he has a right to complain, to call in the police and order out the fire department, if he thinks that either of these procedures will do him any good. If, on the other hand, he be seated and a woman comes in finding all the seats filled, he has a right to hold on to his seat, if he wants to. We take these things to be among the inalienable rights of men.

When a man takes it into his head to spit all over the floor he has gone out of the field of his rights and there should be some authority in the hands of the car conductor to invite him out at once, and if he does not go throw him out. If the street car company interests itself at all in this matter we are not aware of it.

It is not an uncommon thing to see the floor so soiled with disgusting expectorations that the car is no longer a fit place for anybody to be in. This is not only a matter of decency, it is also a matter of health. What disease germs may lurk in this expectoration cannot be known to a certainty until they get in their deadly work.

In some states it is made a misdemeanor to spit on the floor of a street car. It should be made so everywhere. But the street car companies should not wait for the law to take hold. If they will instruct their conductors to put off anybody who spits on the floor, and to apply the rule without respect to persons, we shall soon have an end of this uncleanly and disgusting habit.

## A Foolish Frenchman.

A Frenchman came over to New York and was not there very long before he exchanged his 10,000 francs, all he had in the world, for five gold bricks. He was so sure that he had a good thing that he was uneasy until he could pay his money and get the bricks in his possession.

There is nothing strange in the Frenchman being caught by a clever swindle. As sharp and as shrewd as we Americans are, now and then we succumb to the gold brick hallucination. This has happened in Wheeling, where we are by no means the dullest of all the people in the world.

The strange thing about this latest performance is that the Frenchman should allow himself to think that so good a thing as pure gold at a bargain counter price would be waiting in this country for some stranger to come along and pick it up. He should have known the Yankee better, especially the New York kind. If gold were selling in New York at less than its face value Uncle Russell Sage or Aunt Hetty Green, or somebody who travels in their class, would get it before the Frenchman could embark from the other side.

## Remarkable Vision.

The air ship is being seen everywhere in these days, and it is seen in the west at the same time that it is seen in the east. The irrelevant comment on these remarkable visions suggest a change of the favorite beverage and less of it.

An altitudinous state of mind superinduced by too liberal libations to Bacchus may have something to do with all of this, but it does not entirely explain the phenomenon. When comets have been promised they have been seen in many places where they were not to be seen, and in many other places before their time.

Imagination plays a considerable part in matters of this kind. This accounts for the fact that the airship is seen on the same day by entirely honest people in the Mississippi valley and on the Atlantic coast. They read about the air ship, think about it, and the imagination is so vivid that almost any cloud will masquerade before them as the air ship.

Therefore it is unfair, whenever the air ship is reported, to think that snakes must be abiding in that region.

Owing to a new process developed in Germany it is claimed that aluminum is to be sold at twenty-four cents a pound, placing it as to price next to iron, lead and zinc. Since aluminum became a commercial article the fall in its price has been great, the result of improved methods of reduction. With the fall in price has come the increasing use of the metal, until now it is applied to a wide range of manufactured articles. The lightness and durability of aluminum recommend it for many purposes.

Thirty-five fires producing an aggregate loss of \$1,335,000 were started in New York last year by rats gnawing matches. Matches are matter out of place when a rat gets a chance to gnaw them. Matches are so cheap that little care is taken of them, and any rat that wants to feast on matches has not far to go to satisfy his craving.

The Pennsylvania house of representatives voted down a resolution that members of that body attending the Grant memorial dedication pay their own expenses. Certainly. Rather than submit to that humiliation they would fix up a junket in some other direction and go at the public expense. Our legislative friends over the border are great tourists.

Every American will regret that the Turks have advanced a foot into Grecian territory, but the Turks will have to advance a good deal further before they will have a victory. Larissa is not Athens by any means. It is to be remembered, also, that the Greeks are pretty well into Turkish territory.

While the Christian powers are standing by Turkey it is reasonable to suppose that if they are doing any praying they are leaving out of their prayers the name of Christ.

Give the Ohio valley a full week and it can produce such job lots of weather as would make a weather map for the whole world.

Speaker Reed doesn't seem to know that the gnats are trying to bite him.

## Bridge Company Chartered.

Special Dispatch to the Intelligencer.  
CHARLESTON, W. Va., April 25.—Secretary of State Dawson has issued a charter to the Clarksburg Bridge Co., whose incorporators are Judge Nathan Goff, Charles M. Hart, D. Davidson,

Jasper G. Moore and Richard T. Lowndes, all of Clarksburg. The subscribed capital is \$500, divided into shares of the par value of \$100 each, one share being held by each of the incorporators respectively. \$25 of the subscribed capital is paid up. Permission is granted to increase the capital to \$25,000, by sale of additional shares. Privilege is given to erect a bridge over Elk creek, in the town of Clarksburg, at a point near the residence of the late Waldo P. Goff, and to take tolls, etc.

## STATE PRESS.

**About Prosperity.**  
Elkins Inter-Mountain: Now that such prosperity as that of the days of the McKinley law has not immediately resulted, the Free Traders have begun to say that the predictions of the Protectionists have not come true. No Protectionist claimed that great prosperity would immediately follow. Every Protectionist knew that no measure of prosperity equal to that of 1891 and 1892 could come while the anti-American Wilson-Gorman law was still in existence. What they did claim was that the assurance of a return to the system of Protection in the near future would put an end to further disaster and distress, would give stability to whatever business had been saved from the destructive power of partial Free-Trade, and would restore confidence and that the actual restoration of Protection would in due time and at no distant day, bring back such prosperity as we had in 1891 and 1892 under the McKinley law. Everything they claimed as the immediate result of the election of Major McKinley has come true—and more, as every trade report since November has proved. And that their promises for the future will be fulfilled the revival already felt in business is abundant evidence.

**Changed Hands.**  
The West Virginian has changed hands. Cashier Charles Young of the Commercial Savings Bank is owner, it is said by reason of debt, and the question that confronts the new owner is what to do with the plant. He has not decided as yet, what course he will pursue in the disposition of his newly acquired purchase, but it is a notorious fact that Mr. Young does not desire to remain in his present position very long.

## The Trespass Law.

Preston County Journal: The trespass law was materially amended by legislature last winter. Hereafter persons wishing to hunt or fish on the lands of another will be cautious and secure permission of the owners before they go upon their premises for that purpose. The trespassers will think so especially if he has no money to pay his fine. The new law prevents persons from shooting, hunting or fishing on any enclosed premises without the owners consent. If he disobeys he forfeits \$3 to the owner and may be put under \$100 bonds for his good behavior one year. Failing to get security, the offender must go to jail for a month. The county court may make this law applicable to all lands or to those whose owners so desire.

## One of the Heavies.

Romey Times: A best sugar company has been organized in Minneapolis, with a capital of \$2,000,000 and an avowed purpose of fighting the sugar trust by means of home-grown beets. The attention which is being given to beet culture all through the West indicates that the Dingley law is to have the credit for building up a new agricultural industry, though the McKinley law started it.

## A Harmless Diversion.

Parkersburg Journal: There are lots of official slates about Federal patronage being published just now. The compiling and publishing of them is a harmless diversion. Our guess is that but one of the three Federal positions of district attorney, marshal and collector, is practically decided. In the mean time, however, one man's predictions is as good as another's, and may be better!

## "Avoid an Early Death."

Martinsburg Independent: Brother Boyer, of the Statesman, is now intent, that Gov. Atkinson shall pay more attention to appointments in the Eastern Pan-handle. Well, the principle is all right. We should have more recognition, but how much did you, line of Democratic governors and members of the legislature give us? He says the people of Parkersburg gave the governor a "marble heart" by their chilly reception. Ugh! Look out for your marble head, brother. Don't throw stones. As some advertisements say, "Avoid an early death."

## Past Comprehension.

Huntington Herald: It appears that between 500,000,000 and 500,000,000 birds of plume and songsters are sacrificed every year to satisfy the shocking and inhuman demand of fashion. This wholesale robbery of nature in the destruction and extinction of her loveliest phase should inflame all people of Christian or even human instincts to indignation, and lead to radical legislative interference. The domain of the beautiful is not the only one being outraged. That of economics has a more practical and important bearing. The student well knows that these birds are the conservators of our forests and cultivated trees, and their destruction is an expensive misfortune to the country. When one considers the incentive to this ruthless slaughter, the pitiable folly of the crime becomes painful. That a woman of refined sensibilities could countenance this blasphemy against an innocent and beautiful creation of God by patronage is past comprehension.

## A Pertinent Question.

Fairmont West Virginian: Ex-Congressman William L. Wilson is out of politics—forced out—but he is still pounding away at the sheep and wool growers. He says, as in days of yore, that protection to wool under the Dingley bill will be a great hardship on the poor people—that their clothing clothing and blankets will be much more costly than they are now. Mr. Wilson, such talk may have had some weight in times past but none now. The people answered your argument by inquiring of what count are clean blankets and clothing if there is no work, as has been the case under the present tariff bill, and consequently no money with which to buy them?

## A Good Suggestion.

Fairmont Index: The proposition to increase the number of our Supreme Court Judges is meeting with much favor. It is generally regarded that the Supreme Court is too small for the transaction of the increasing business of our state and that the salaries of the Judges should be increased. In these days, when the sentiment in favor of a non-partisan Judiciary is so prevalent, how would it do to provide that not more than three of the Judges of our Court of last resort shall belong to the same political party.

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## SENSATIONAL MURDER

At East Liverpool—A Pittsburgher Shoots a Woman.

EAST LIVERPOOL, April 25.—At 7 o'clock last night Z. S. Robison, of Pittsburgh, who refused to give his street address or his occupation, shot Alice Robison, one of the contestants in the women's six day walking match, which has been in progress at the rink last week. The woman died half an hour later. Robison says she was his wife.

The man arrived here on the evening train from Pittsburgh. He walked to the hotel, and, without speaking to anyone about the building, walked to the woman's room and entered. Five minutes later a shot was heard. The door of the room was locked and the officers and doctors forced the door.

They found him on the floor, kissing the unconscious woman, who was dying from a bullet in the brain. The man was arrested without difficulty, but at the door of the jail he gave the officers a terrible fight and drew a knife. Officer McMillen was cut, but not seriously. Later the man said he was a glazier, that his home is No. 1, Bennett street, East End, and that he and the woman had been married ten years. The woman had been a professional walker for eight years and was second on the score when the fifth night of the race closed Friday night.

Robison showed a letter from the woman to a man named Chuck Stewart, in Pittsburgh, in which she wanted him to go west with her. He said Stewart had given him the letter.

## Court of Appeals.

Special Dispatch to the Intelligencer.  
CHARLESTON, W. Va., April 25.—The supreme court yesterday disposed of the following cases:

Jarrett vs. French, from Raleigh county, opinion by McWhorter; degree of circuit court reversed, all case remanded. Dearett vs. the Wood Lumber Company, from Kanawha county, opinion by Dent; decree of circuit court reversed and cause remanded.

Scott vs. the Chesapeake & Ohio Railway Company, from Kanawha county, opinion by Dent; judgment of circuit court affirmed. Shumates exors. vs. Crockett, from Summers county, opinion by Brannon; decree of circuit court corrected and affirmed.

Parkersburg Industrial Company vs. Schultz, from Wood county, opinion by Brannon; judgment of circuit court reversed and new trial awarded.

State vs. Gietze, from Ohio county, opinion by English; judgment of circuit court affirmed. This is the case in which the circuit court declared the cigarette law unconstitutional.

Hoopes vs. Devaughn, from Wood county, opinion by English; judgment of circuit court affirmed. Adjudged till next Wednesday.

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